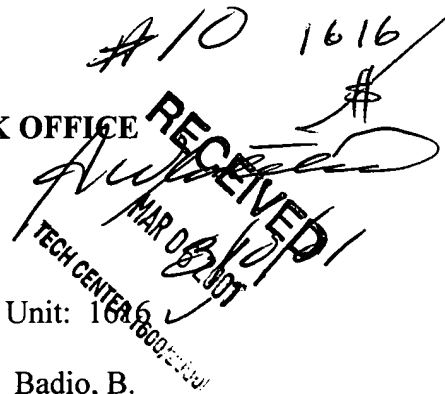


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REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated August 24, 2000.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$445.00 based on small entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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